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EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS**

**BY
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DAJORE J MARKS
Plaintiff,

) **JURY TRIAL DEMANDED**

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v.

) **Case No.**

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JAVITCH BLOCK LLC
Defendant,

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COMPLAINT AND DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Plaintiff DAJORE J MARKS as and for his complaint respectfully alleges:

I. INTRODUCTION

1. This is an action brought by Plaintiff DAJORE J MARKS, an individual consumer, seeking actual, statutory damages, and costs against Defendant JAVITCH BLOCK LLC. (hereinafter "Javitch Block") for violations of the Fair Debt Collections Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1692 et seq. (hereinafter "FDCPA") which prohibits debt collectors from engaging in abusive, deceptive, and unfair practices.

II. JURISDICTION AND VENUE

2. Jurisdiction of this court arises under 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(d) and 28 U.S.C. § 1331 because the complaint alleges a federal claim and requires the resolution of substantial questions of

federal law. Venue is proper in that the Defendant transacts business in Beaumont, Texas and the conduct complained of occurred in Beaumont, Texas.

III. PARTIES

3. Plaintiff DAJORE J MARKS is a natural person residing in Beaumont, Jefferson County, Texas. Plaintiff is a consumer as defined by the FDCPA, 15 U.S.C. §1692a(3).
4. Plaintiff Dajore Marks is allegedly obligated to pay money arising out of a transaction in which the money, property, insurance, or services which are the subject of the transaction are primarily for personal, family, or household purposes.
5. Upon information and belief, Defendant Javitch Block has a principal place of business that is located at 1100 Superior Avenue, 19th Floor, Cleveland, OH 44114 and is authorized to do business in the State of Texas, and the conduct complained of occurred in Beaumont, Texas.
6. Defendant Javitch Block is engaged in the collection of debt from consumers using the mails and telephone. Defendant regularly attempts to collect consumers' debts alleged to be due to another. The alleged debt arose from a financial obligation that was primarily for personal, family, or household purposes and is therefore a "debt as that term is defined by 15 U.S.C. §1692a(5).
7. Defendant Javitch Block, is a "debt collector" as defined by the FDCPA, 15 U.S.C § 1692a(6).

IV. FACTS OF THE COMPLAINT

8. Plaintiff received a letter from Defendant Javitch Block, about a debt allegedly owed to SYNCHRONY BANK in the amount of \$2019.03.

9. On or about October 17th, 2023, Plaintiff sent a letter to Defendant Javitch Block stating that email was the only convenient way to contact Plaintiff. The letter contained the Plaintiff's contact email.
10. The tracking number for this mailing is 9589 0710 5270 1424 2236 21.
11. On or about October 26th, 2023, Plaintiff received notice from USPS that his letter was received by Defendant Javitch Block.
12. On or about October 30th, 2023, Plaintiff received a letter in the mail from Defendant Javitch Block attempting to collect a debt. These actions constitute a willful violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1692c(a)(1) by Defendant Javitch Block after the Plaintiff sent communication via letter stating that Defendant could only contact Plaintiff via email. Violations thereto are documented by letters that are in the possession of Plaintiff.

V. FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF
15 U.S.C § 1692c(a)(1)
(Defendant: Javitch Block)

13. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1-12 above.
14. Defendant violated 15 U.S.C. § 1692c(a)(1) by communicating with Plaintiff via letter after receiving written notice that Plaintiff could only be contacted via email.
15. Defendant caused injury in fact, by causing, among other things, mental and emotional distress, invasion of personal privacy, and other injuries and damages to Plaintiff.
16. Defendants's conduct was negligent and/or willful.
17. Plaintiff is entitled to recover actual damages pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(a)(1).

Alternatively, Plaintiff is entitled to statutory damages and other costs pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(2)(A)(3).

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VI. JURY DEMAND AND PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff DAJORE J MARKS respectfully requests an jury trial and requests that judgment be entered in favor of Plaintiff and against the Defendant Javitch Block for:

- a Judgment for the violations occurred for violating the FDCPA.
- b Actual damages pursuant to 15 U.S.C § 1692k(a)(1).
- c Statutory damages pursuant to 15 U.S.C § 1692k(2)(A).
- d Cost pursuant to 15 U.S.C 1692k(3);
- e For such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

Respectfully submitted:

Dated: December 4th, 2023

DAJORE J MARKS

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Beaumont, TX 77707

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I. (a) PLAINTIFFS

DAJORE J MARKS

(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff Jefferson
(EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)

(c) Attorneys (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number)

DEFENDANTS

JAVITCH BLOCK LLC

County of Residence of First Listed Defendant _____
(IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)

NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE TRACT OF LAND INVOLVED.

Attorneys (If Known)

II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- ☐ 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff ☐ 3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party)
- ☐ 2 U.S. Government Defendant ☐ 4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)

III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES (Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff and One Box for Defendant)

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| Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | Foreign Nation | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 |

IV. NATURE OF SUIT (Place an "X" in One Box Only)Click here for: [Nature of Suit Code Descriptions.](#)

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V. ORIGIN (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- ☐ 1 Original Proceeding ☐ 2 Removed from State Court ☐ 3 Remanded from Appellate Court ☐ 4 Reinstated or Reopened ☐ 5 Transferred from Another District (specify) ☐ 6 Multidistrict Litigation - Transfer ☐ 8 Multidistrict Litigation - Direct File

VI. CAUSE OF ACTION

Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing (Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity):

15 U.S.C. § 1692 (FDCPA)

Brief description of cause:

Illegal communication by a debt collector

VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:

☐ CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER RULE 23, F.R.Cv.P.

DEMAND \$

CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint:

JURY DEMAND: ☐ Yes ☐ No**VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY**

(See instructions):

JUDGE _____

DOCKET NUMBER _____

DATE

SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD

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RECEIPT # _____ AMOUNT _____ APPLYING IFP _____ JUDGE _____ MAG. JUDGE _____